

Woman Set Free as Husband Is Indicted for Passport Plot

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SEIZE ALL FOODSTUFFS FOR GERMANY, IS ORDER ISSUED BY ENGLAND TO-DAY

"PLOT OF HUSBAND'S FOES," PASSPORT PRISONER'S WIFE SAYS OF ARREST IN HOTEL

Mrs. Stegler Avers Assault Charge Covers Attempt to Make Her Sign Repudiation.

TELLS THRILLING STORY

Woman Is Discharged in Court—Husband and Two Others Indicted.

The German passport scandal, involving by imputation officers of the Kaiser's Embassy at Washington, suddenly shifted to-day from the chancelleries of the national capital to a hotel room and the West Side Court. From bearing upon the property of Richard P. Stegler, the recanting spy, who was indicted to-day, it shifted by a bewildering turn to direct a white light upon Annette Stegler, the prisoner's wife. Arrested near midnight in suite No. 35 of the Hotel Grenobles upon the charge of Arthur W. Matekat, who accused her of assisting him with his cane and a siphon bottle, Mrs. Stegler made to an Evening World reporter to-day the passionate charge that she was the victim of a plot which sought to stake her honor against the price of her betraying her husband.

She declared that she was trapped by a false friend into a position where she had to match her wits against those of two representatives of a German-American newspaper and, confronted with the alternative of being revealed in a compromising situation or of branding her husband as a liar, she chose to sacrifice her reputation, if need be, to save her husband.

COPIES OF FINGERPRINTS ARE TAKEN.

After spending a night in a cell of the West Forty-seventh Street Station, Mrs. Stegler was taken to Headquarters early to-day and there her fingerprints were registered. Thence she was piloted to the West Side Court for appearance before a Magistrate on a charge of assault made against her by the German reporter.

Magistrate Barlow in the West Side Court discharged Mrs. Stegler after she had sworn that she was not disturbed at any time during her presence in the hotel room with her two accusers.

Barlow expressed his regret that

ONE DEAD, TWO HURT AS MOTOR RUNS WILD

William C. Provost of No. 5727 Twentieth Avenue lent his fine, new six-cylinder car at noon to-day to his friend, Bernard Baas of No. 1667 Croysey Avenue, Bath Beach. Driven by Dennis Gorey of No. 1866 Bath Avenue, the car was spinning along at a 50-mile pace when the steering gear failed and it ran wild.

As the car swept to the left across the road just below Harway Avenue, it struck Miss Clara Haughton, nineteen, of De Nyse Lane and threw her against the fence. Then it hit a telegraph pole and collapsed, hurling Gorey into a front yard forty feet away and burying Mr. Baas in the wreck.

The injured girl suffered internal injuries, but was able to go home.

Baas died at the Coney Island Hospital at 2.50 o'clock.

Jurors, but was able to go home. Gorey may die.

PHONE DIRECTORS AGREE TO SUBMIT TO REDUCED RATE

Order Policy of "Peaceable Compromise" in Fight for Cheaper Tolls.

CONFERENCE IS CALLED.

Executives of Company Plan Details of \$3,000,000 Cut Ordered by State.

Directors of the New York Telephone Company met to-day and ordered a policy of peaceable compromise with the Public Service Commission of The Evening World's long fight for cheaper telephone rates for New Yorkers. Executives of the company are working out details of rate schedules and seeking how the \$3,000,000 cut ordered by the Commission will affect various classes of service.

Conferences are being held between officers of the company and representatives of the commission designed to settle the whole case at Thursday's meeting of the commission. The plan contemplates presentation by the company at the morning session of a complete rate schedule, based on certain compromise propositions. If the commission approves the directors will meet at once to ratify the terms.

The telephone company's counter proposals have not been made public, but it is endeavoring to gain through private negotiations part of what it lost in open fight. It objects to the appraisal valuation of its property, both the \$65,000,000 fixed by the Poley Legislative Committee and the \$82,000,000 fixed by the Public Service Commission. It is seeking to have that raised.

The American Telephone & Telegraph Company, which owns all the stock of the New York Telephone Company, objects to having its rich rate off of 4 1-2 per cent. of gross receipts cut down as ordered by the Commission. New Yorkers are taxed \$1,200,000 per year in rates to pay this tribute to the Telephone Trust. It amounts to \$2 per instrument per year, taken in the form of a rental. The Commission says \$1 per year is enough.

Whatever the secret negotiations, the demands of the public stand unchanged to-day as they did when presented first by The Evening World two years ago:

A maximum five-cent rate for subscribers.

Abolition of the toll gates between boroughs.

Reduction of charges to apartment houses so that tenants can have five-cent telephone service.

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SHOW GIRL AND RICH YOUNG HUSBAND WHO IS SUING FOR DIVORCE



MR. and MRS. ROBERT J. GOLDMAN

WAR SITUATION TO KEEP WILSON IN WASHINGTON

President Says He Is "Tied by the Legs" and May Not Be Able to Even Visit Frisco Fair.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—President Wilson told callers to-day the European situation was demanding so much of his attention that he was doubtful if he would be able to leave Washington this spring, even, possibly, to make his proposed visit to the San Francisco Exposition.

"I am tied here by the legs," was the way his callers said the President expressed the situation. He told a committee which called to invite him to the Southern Conference for Education and Industry at Chattanooga, Tenn., in April that his plans were very uncertain.

MORSE LOSES CONTROL OF HUDSON NAVIGATION

That Charles W. Morse, President of the Hudson Navigation Company, has been shorn of most of his powers in that line is common rumor in Wall Street. Though as a matter of fact Morse has not been actually deposed as the head of the corporation.

The active head of the business of the company is John J. Ousley, First Vice President, in charge of operation, who was placed in office at the last meeting of the board of directors and took charge Feb. 1. At the same time Marshal M. Ferguson, who was connected with the banking firm of Hayden, Stone & Co. of Boston and New York, was made secretary and treasurer, taking the place of Harry F. Morse, son of Charles W. Morse, and Nehemiah H. Campbell, who was treasurer.

In Wall Street it is said that the board of directors is controlled by Hayden, Stone & Co.'s interests, they having brought about the election of nine of the sixteen directors.

PITY POOR CHICAGO! NEW YORK DIVORCE RAIDERS ARE NICER

That's What Mrs. Goldman Said When She Was Caught in Windy City.

SMILES ON BOY HUBBY.

Youngster Was Exiled by Father When Marriage Was Discovered.

Twenty-year-old Robert Goldman, son of Henry Goldman, millionaire banker of No. 908 Fifth Avenue, to-day heard his father's private secretary describe in vivid detail how Mrs. Edith Ostend Goldman, the boy's wife, signed a confession after she had been caught in a Ninth Street artist's studio with Nathan Harris, a young married lawyer.

Young Goldman, tanned and rugged, arrived to-day from Meeker's, Col., where "Ranch L. 07," his exile, is located. With an English tutor the boy was sent out there to be a cowboy and to forget his costly experience on Broadway.

On May 26 last Goldman ran away from Williams College, where he was a junior, with Edith Ostend, a chorus girl, and they were secretly married in Jersey City.

In behalf of his exiled son, Mr. Goldman brought suit for a divorce against the show girl and she in turn sued the banker and his wife for \$100,000 for alleged alienation of her husband's affections.

YOUNG WIFE GAZES AT HER BOY HUSBAND.

When Mrs. Goldman, who is nineteen years old, first entered the courtroom she took a seat at the long counsel table where she looked squarely into the eyes of her young husband. She smiled and her husband returned the cordial greeting. Then his father sitting in back of the boy, tapped him on the shoulder and whispered to him. Robert turned his back on the girl and for the rest of the day kept his eyes trained away from her.

The first witness called was Chester E. Mann, private secretary to the banker. Mann headed the raiding party that visited the house, No. 66 West Ninth Street. At 9 o'clock the raiders reached Mrs. Goldman's apartments. They did not enter until 11 o'clock, when one of the detectives went to the roof, climbed down the fire escape and stole into the room through the window.

WIFE WAS NUDE AND SMOKING A CIGARETTE.

"Mrs. Goldman was sitting on a couch nude with Harris," said Mann. "One of the men with us said to Mrs. Goldman, 'This is a fine situation for a young married woman to be found in.' 'Oh, I don't know,' Mrs. Goldman said, 'I am concerned and continued making a cigarette.'"

After looking at the pair a few minutes, the witness said he advised Mrs. Goldman to sign an affidavit confessing her guilt so, as the witness said, "things would be easier for Nathan Harris."

Mrs. Goldman signed the alleged confession, and then proved herself a hospitable, though highly nervous, hostess by offering the raiders beer, whiskey or "stingers."

Justice Greenbaum inquired the nature of "stingers," and the witness described them as a potent alcoholic beverage. After drinks were offered, the witness said, Mrs. Goldman volunteered the information that she

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Hamburg-American Line Officials Are Indicted for Coaling German Warships

Fraud in Manifests Charged Against Director, Manager and Others.

FOOD WAS SENT ALSO.

Federal Grand Jury Says Three Ships Were Sent From New York.

The Federal Grand Jury which has been investigating charges that certain steamship men obtained false manifests and then sent boats out to supply coal and food to German warships this afternoon returned indictments against the Hamburg-American line and the following officials and others connected with the company:

Carl Buentz, a director of the company.

George Kotter, general superintendent of the Hamburg-American Company.

Walter Poppenhus, whose real name, according to the indictment, is J. Poppenhus, supercargo on the steamship Berwind.

Adolph Hechmeister and Felix Seffner, employees of the Hamburg-American Company.

The specific charge in the indictments is "conspiracy to defraud the Government by means of false manifests."

The indictments relate that at the beginning of the hostilities abroad many foreign warships off the American coast were in need of supplies, and that the Hamburg-American line, through those connected with it "conspired to supply" these warships with coal and provisions.

Among the boats named as having been sent out by the alleged conspirators were the Lorenzo, the Fram and the Sommerstad. The latter two are Norwegian boats, but it is alleged that they were fitted out by Germans and sent to supply German warships.

EXPLOSION KILLS 30 ON MEXICAN GUNBOAT

GALVESTON, Tex., March 1.—Despatches reached the Mexican Consulate here to-day telling of an explosion on board the Mexican gunboat Progreso which resulted in the death of thirty persons, including five women.

The explosion, according to the first report, occurred yesterday morning while the gunboat was at Progreso.

It is said that what purported to be a barrel of rice sent on board was in reality a bomb, prepared by persons opposed to the Carranza regime. The Mexican Consul here has called for further information, as he is inclined to doubt the report.

WHITMAN TO RUSH ALIEN LABOR REPEAL

ALBANY, March 1.—Gov. Whitman will request the Legislature in a special emergency message to-night to repeal the Alien Labor Law. It would be possible under such conditions to wipe out the statute immediately.

BRITISH PREMIER WHO TELLS OF EMBARGO ON FOOD FOR GERMANY.



\$8,500,000 A DAY IS ENGLAND'S TOLL TO CARRY ON WAR

Expenditures Steadily Rising but Will Lend More Money to Allies.

LONDON, March 1.—Premier Asquith this afternoon asked the House of Commons to vote \$185,000,000 for war expenses for the remainder of the period ending March 31, making a total appropriation for the war thus far of \$1,810,000,000.

The war expenditures are steadily rising, the Premier said. By April 1 the war will be costing England at least \$8,500,000 daily.

The Prime Minister assured the House that England was so situated financially that the drain upon her resources could continue for years without causing an actual crisis.

He announced that as the result of the recent conference at Paris, England probably will advance more funds to Serbia and to Belgium. This will be in addition to the \$4,000,000 already advanced to Serbia and the \$50,000,000 advanced to Belgium.

The vote of credit, the largest ever put before the House, was adopted unanimously.

HE JUST GIVES ADVICE.

Mayor Mitchell professed not to take very seriously to-day a story from Washington which makes his Corporation Counsel, Frank Lyon Polk, successor to United States Senator O'Gorman as the man to be consulted in the distribution of Federal patronage.

"Personally, I don't think any one man occupies the position Mr. Polk is credited with holding," said the Mayor. "But if Washington is seeking advice on the question of deserving and fit Democrats I don't think it could go to a better, a more qualified man than Frank Polk. I assume that the Corporation Counsel gives advice when he is asked."

NO TIME FOR PEACE TALK NOW, ASQUITH TELLS THE COMMONS

British After Seven Months of War More Determined Than Ever to Continue Until Purposes of the Allies Are Accomplished.

LONDON, March 1.—An embargo against all shipments of all commodities to or from Germany has been decided upon by the British Government, Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons this afternoon. This drastic step, the Premier announced, was decided upon in retaliation for German submarine attacks upon British merchantmen.

The Premier declared that Germany had violated systematically all the conventions intended for the mitigation of warfare. She had taken further steps by organizing "AN UNDER SEA CAMPAIGN OF PIRACY AND PILLAGE."

Germany, he declared, was not blockading and could never blockade English shores.

Referring to what he termed whispers of peace, Mr. Asquith said it was not time to talk of peace; that this would arrive "ONCE WHEN THE GREAT PURPOSES OF THE ALLIES ARE ACCOMPLISHED."

"After seven months of the war the whole empire is every whit as determined as at the outset," he declared amid cheers.

The proposed measures of reprisal against Germany, the Premier said, would be enforced with strict observance of the dictates of humanity, and the allies did not purpose "to allow their efforts to be strangled in a work of judicial niceties." There was no intention, he explained, to confiscate detailed ships or cargoes unless they were liable to confiscation under the ordinary conditions of war.

The allies would hold themselves free to capture goods wherever there was a presumption that such goods were destined for the use of the enemies or had been sent from hostile countries.

Laying of the embargo is virtually a decree of blockade of the German coast.

It is believed that few neutral vessels will care to encounter the danger of running the blockade of British fleets off the German coast and that Germany will be "starved out" and forced to sue for peace.

In government circles regret was expressed that German civilians should be made the innocent victims of England's new policy. Officials, however, justified their course by stating the belief that England, by thus shortening the war, is acting in the interests of humanity, including German non-combatants.

The United States, Holland, the Scandinavian countries and Italy are the nations whose commerce will be most affected by the British order.

The government anticipates that some complications will result from the laying of the embargo. Officials, however, took the view this afternoon that by declaring all commodities destined for Germany absolutely contraband England avoids controversies with other nations such as the developed by the seizure of the Wilhelmshafen, the American ship destined for Germany with a cargo of foodstuffs and the seizure of neutral vessels bearing cargoes of cotton.

Referring to the attack on the Dardanelles, the Premier said that there had been no impairment of strength of the allies in France or in Flanders as a result of withdrawals of men for service in the campaign against Turkey.

"We shall continue to give the fullest and most effective support there," he added, referring to the western front.

"Neither has there been, for the purposes of the Dardanelles operations, any weakening of the grand fleet. The enterprise was carefully conceived with distinct political, strategic and economic objects.

The Premier said that the operations against Turkey again illustrated the close co-operation among the allies.

French and British Envoys Outline Reprisals to Bryan

WASHINGTON, March 1.—France and Great Britain served notice on the United States to-day that they would hold themselves at liberty to use all shipping hereafter to and from Germany.

A communication outlining measures of reprisals on the part of the allies for the submarine warfare on merchant ships conducted by Germany was delivered to Secretary Bryan by the French and British Ambassadors here, who called personally at the State Department together for the purpose.

Secretary Bryan promptly apprised President Wilson of the move, but declined to make any statement. What the nature of the move was not disclosed by the Ambassadors.